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DAYTON, Ohio, December 17, 1974 --- James Douglas Aldstadt, an alumnus of Dayton's Fairview High School will graduate first in his class from the University of Dayton at commencement exercises Saturday, December 21, 1974.

During the mid-year graduation ceremonies beginning at 10:30 A.M. in the Arena, 486 students will receive diplomas. Saturday marks the University of Dayton's first graduation (others in April and July) of its 125th academic year.

Graduating Summa Cum Laude, Aldstadt majored in pre-medicine with a near perfect 3.97 academic average. "I want to encourage high school students who feel they could not attend college; most of college success depends upon hard work. Even though I worked 8-16 hours each week, I was able to do well." Aldstadt expects to attend medical school, though his plans are not yet final.

Mary Jo Dombrowski of Fairview Park, Ohio, will also graduate Summa Cum Laude with a 3.939 academic average in Mathematics.

Dayton and the state of Ohio are well represented among those students graduating with honors this term. In addition to Mr. Aldstadt, Dayton also claims three Magna Cum Laude graduates: Gilbert H. Thurman in Criminal Justice, Ethel Michaels in Secondary Education, and John E. Slivinski in Electrical Engineering. Graduating Cum Laude is Patricia A. Uram Winning in Psychology.

Other Ohioans graduating with honors are Daniel J. Hornbach of Cincinnati, Magna Cum Laude in Biology; Mary Kay Stanton of Struthers, Magna Cum Laude in Psychology; Monica Malone of Cincinnati, Magna Cum Laude in Biology; James D. Catalano of Amherst, Cum Laude in Chemistry; John Farinacci of Northfield, Cum Laude in Premedical; Margaret Lee Woyat of Springfield, Cum Laude in Elementary Education; Karen Lee Nowak of Mansfield, Cum Laude in Psychology; Sylvia Marie Perryman Horner of North Ridgeville, Cum Laude in Psychology; and Christine M. Mills of Maple Heights, Cum Laude in Elementary Education.

Christine Mills, an alumnus of Lumen Cordium High School in New Bedford, has set a tradition for her family at UD. Presently she has either a brother or sister in each class at UD. Gregory '76 is studying Civil Engineering, Doris '77 is in Psychology and William '78 is majoring in Elementary Education.

Also graduating with honors this term are: Kathryn M. O'Gorman of Kankakee, Illinois, Magna Cum Laude in Social Work; June M. Ericson of Marblehead, Massachusetts, Cum Laude in Fine Arts; Mary E. McShane of Indianapolis, Indiana, Cum Laude in Elementary Education; Nancy Ann Parisen of Wayne, New Jersey, Cum Laude in Mathematics; Louis J. Todaro of New Britain, Connecticut, Cum Laude in Chemistry; and John A. Barone of Kansas City, Missouri, Magna Cum Laude in Psychology.